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FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe  
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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wendy L. Watanabe", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **GROUP HOME PROGRAM MONITORING REPORT – KIDS FIRST  
FOUNDATION – BROAD HORIZONS GROUP HOME**

We have completed a review of Broad Horizons Group Home (Group Home or Agency) operated by Kids First Foundation. The Group Home contracts with the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation.

Broad Horizons Group Home is a 40-bed facility, which provides care for children ages 11-17 years who exhibit behavioral, social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the monitoring visit, Broad Horizons Group Home was not providing services for any Los Angeles County children.

Broad Horizons Group Home is located in San Diego County.

**Scope of Review**

The purpose of the review is to evaluate the Agency's facility and environment. Since Broad Horizons Group Home was not providing services for any Los Angeles County children at the time of our review, the monitoring review was limited to a facility inspection which covers basic child safety and licensing issues and a personnel background check review.

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**Summary of Findings**

The Agency is providing the services as outlined in their Program Statement. As a result, a corrective action plan is not necessary.

**Review of Report**

We discussed our report with the Agency's management. We thank the management and staff for their cooperation during our review.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Don Chadwick at (213) 253-0301.

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Attachment

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**Kids First Foundation  
Broad Horizons Group Home  
Ramona, California 92065  
License Number: 370808552  
Rate Classification Level: 12**

**I. Facility and Environment**

**Method of assessment – Observation**

**Comments:**

Broad Horizons Group Home is located in a residential community. The exterior of the Group Home is well maintained. The front and back yards are clean and adequately landscaped.

The interior of the Group Home is well maintained. The common quarters are neat and clean. There is adequate furniture and lighting in the Group Home. The Group Home provides a home-like environment.

Children's bedrooms are well maintained. The rooms are clean and orderly and have age-appropriate personalized decorations. There is adequate furniture, lighting and storage space. Window coverings and window screens are in good repair. The mattresses are comfortable, and the beds all have a full complement of linens. Children's sleeping arrangements are appropriate.

The Group Home maintains age appropriate and accessible recreational equipment. There are also board games, a TV, and a DVD player. Books and resource materials, including a computer with a variety of programs, are also available.

The Group Home maintains a sufficient supply of perishable and non perishable foods.

**Recommendation**

**There are no recommendations for this section.**

**II. Personnel Background Checks**

**Method of assessment - Review of relevant documents**

**Sample size for employee record evaluation: Four**

**Comments:**

The Group Home has obtained the required criminal and child abuse clearances for their employees.

**Recommendation**

**There are no recommendations for this section.**